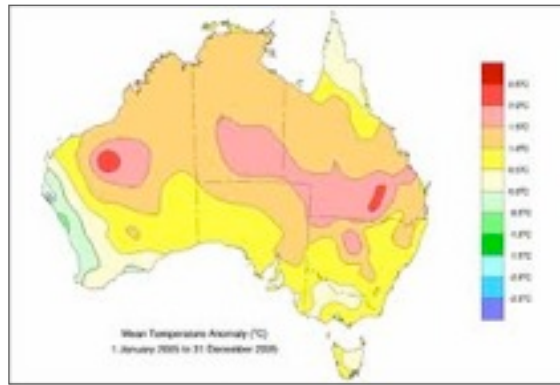


## ATTRACTIONS

WITH SO MUCH TO DO IN AUSTRALIA, IT MAY SEEM OVERWHELMING. BELOW ARE THE MOST POPULAR ATTRACTIONS THAT CANNOT BE MISSED!

- ★ THE GREAT BARRIER REEF
- ★ SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE
- ★ GREAT BOTANICAL GARDENS
- ★ GOLD COAST (QUEENSLAND)
- ★ KANGAROO ISLAND
- ★ CORAL BAY
- ★ RED CENTRE BAY OF FIRES
- ★ BLUE MOUNTAINS
- ★ AUSTRALIAN OUTBACK
- ★ PHILLIP ISLAND

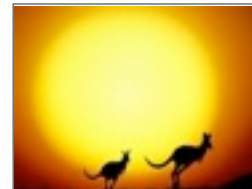


## CLIMATE

BECAUSE AUSTRALIA IS BISECTED BY THE TROPIC OF CAPRICORN, NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN AUSTRALIA VARY IN THEIR SEASONS. THE NORTH ENJOYS A TROPICAL CLIMATE AND IS GENERALLY CLASSIFIED AS HOT AND WET. SOUTHERN AUSTRALIA HAS A TEMPERATE CLIMATE, NOT ONLY REACHING HOT AND DRY TEMPERATURES, BUT ALSO COLD WINTERS. ALTHOUGH AUSTRALIA IS NOT KNOWN FOR IT'S WINTER SEASON, SNOW FALL IN THE SOUTH CREATES BEAUTIFUL SNOWCAPPED MOUNTAINS. OVERALL, THE TEMPERATURE RANGES FROM 56°F TO 84°F THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

## LOCATION AND SETTING

ALTHOUGH THE WORLD'S SMALLEST CONTINENT (ROUGHLY THE SIZE OF THE US), AUSTRALIA IS A BREATHTAKING ISLAND CONTINENT LOCATED BETWEEN THE SOUTH PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEANS. WESTERN AUSTRALIA CONSISTS OF THE WESTERN PLATEAU AND IS GENERALLY FLAT, WITH HIGH MOUNTAIN RANGES DISPERSED ALONG THE COAST. TO ARRIVE IN THE DENSELY POPULATED HIGHLANDS OF EASTERN AUSTRALIA, YOU MUST FIRST CROSS THE VAST CENTRAL LOWLANDS. STILL, MOST KNOW AUSTRALIA FOR THE GREAT BARRIER REEF THAT PROTECTS THE NORTHEASTERN COAST. ALTHOUGH MOST OF AUSTRALIA IS DRY AND BARREN, TOURISTS ENJOY THE BEAUTIFUL COASTLINES, ARID OUTBACK, AND HIGH MOUNTAINS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.



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### DAILY LIFE

ALL AUSSIES ARE PROUD OF THEIR HERITAGE AND TOUGH WORK ETHIC. THEREFORE, MOST OF THEIR DAY IS SPENT WORKING. HOWEVER, DURING THE WEEKENDS AND LEISURE TIME, AUSSIES TEND TO PLAY OUTSIDE AND COOK OUTDOORS. DUE TO THEIR SENSE OF HUMOR, THEY ARE UNFORTUNATELY CONFUSED AS BEING LAID BACK. NEVERTHELESS, AUSTRALIANS TAKE PLEASURE IN POPULAR FASHIONS AND ENTERTAINMENT WHICH ARE SIMILAR TO THOSE IN EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA.

### ENTERTAINMENT

AUSTRALIA IS KNOWN FOR ITS OPEN SPACE AND GOOD CLIMATE. THIS IS GREAT FOR TOURISTS AND LOCALS, FOR THEY CAN ENJOY OUTDOOR SPORT (FOOTBALL, CRICKET, TENNIS, RUGBY, SURFING), BBQ, AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES. WITH A PLETHORA OF THEATERS, MUSEUMS, SPORTS FIELDS AND GALLERIES, SHOWS, FESTIVALS, AND EVENTS RE NOT HARD TO COME BY. FURTHERMORE, YOU CAN ENJOY THE FOREIGN THEATER, DANCE, ART, AND ALL ASPECTS OF CULTURE THAT THE HIGH NUMBER OF IMMIGRANTS BRING TO AUSTRALIA!



### CULTURE

ALTHOUGH THE PREDOMINANT LANGUAGE IS ENGLISH, A VARIETY OF ACCENTS, PHONETICS, AND SLANG ATTRIBUTE TO MANY LANGUAGES BEING SPOKEN. THEREFORE, IT MAY BE DIFFICULT FOR YOU TO UNDERSTAND SOME OF WHAT THEY SAY. AROUND THE YEAR 1788, 250 ABORIGINAL (NATIVE) LANGUAGES WERE SPOKEN. BUT DUE TO PERSECUTION AND THE DYING OUT OF MANY TRIBES, ONLY TWENTY ARE STILL SPOKEN.

IF YOU VALUE SINCERITY, THEN YOU WILL FIT IN PERFECTLY TO THE MODEST AUSSIE LIFESTYLE. AUSSIES ARE KNOWN BY ALL AS DOWN TO EARTH INDIVIDUALS, WHO TRY NOT TO CALL ATTENTION TO THEIR SUCCESS. THIS IDEAL CALLS FOR HIGH VALUED RELATIONSHIPS, AND THE ATTEMPT TO MAKE EVERY OUTCOME OF EVERY SITUATION POSITIVE.

AS A SOCIETY, AUSTRALIANS PRIDE THEMSELVES ON BEING MULTI CULTURAL. ORIGINALLY A COUNTRY OF BRITISH AND IRISH DESCENT AS WELL AS ABORIGINES (LOCAL TRIBES), AFTER WWII EUROPEANS FLOCKED TO AUSTRALIA. FURTHERMORE, RECENT LEGISLATION HAVE CAUSED ASIANS TO MOVE INTO THE COUNTRY FOR LABOR.

WHEN IT COMES TO ETIQUETTE, ALTHOUGH AUSSIES ARE CASUAL, TABLE MANNERS AND INVITATIONS ARE TAKEN QUITE SERIOUSLY. USUALLY, WHEN INVITED TO A PARTY OR GATHERING, THE MEAL WILL BE ON THE "BARBIE", OR BBQ.

THE AUSTRALIAN CUISINE HAS BEEN INFLUENCED BY THAI, CHINESE, JAPANESE, INDIAN, FRENCH, GERMAN, LEBANESE, VIETNAMESE AND MEDITERRANEAN CUISINE, AND OTHERS. BUT THE MAIN DISHES ARE SEAFOOD, LOCAL FRUITS, BEEF LAMB, AND FAMOUS CHEESES.



### TOP 10 CITIES

BELOW IS A LIST OF THE TOP TEN CITIES YOU NEED TO VISIT WHILE IN AUSTRALIA. ALL OF THESE PLACES ARE FILLED WITH HIDDEN ADVENTURES WAITING FOR YOU TO UNCOVER!

1. SYDNEY
2. MELBOURNE
3. BRISBANE
4. PERTH
5. ADELAIDE
6. NEWCASTLE
7. CANBERRA
8. WOLLONGONG
9. GOLD COAST CITY
10. CENTRAL COAST

### TRANSPORTATION

WITH SO MUCH TO DO IN AUSTRALIA, THE OBVIOUS QUESTION IS HOW DO I TRAVEL WITHIN THE LAND OF OZ? WITH RISING GAS PRICES AND HEAVY TRAFFIC, THE INCREASINGLY POPULAR TREND IS TO USE VARIOUS FORMS OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. THE TWO MOST POPULAR TYPES OF TRANSPORT ARE THE ELECTRIC RAILWAYS AND THE METRO STATIONS. HOWEVER, SOME USE THE FERRIES TO CROSS THE VARIOUS WATERWAYS OF AUSTRALIA.